

TWO MILLION BRITONS FAIL TO OFFER SERVICES

HILLES ISSUES
OFFICIAL CALL

For the Republican National
Convention to Nominate a
Presidential Ticket.

DELEGATES ARE APPOINTED

Members of the Convention Are
to Be Fewer in Number
Than Four Years Ago.

Charles D. Hilles, chairman of the Republican National Committee, has issued the following official call for the next Republican national convention:

To the Republican Electors of the United States:

In accordance with established custom and in obedience to instructions of the Republican national convention of 1912, the Republican National Committee now directs that a national convention of delegates representing the Republican party be held in the city of Chicago, in the state of Illinois, at 11 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday, June 7, 1916, for the purpose of nominating candidates for president and vice-president, to be voted for at the presidential election on Tuesday, November 7, 1916, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

The Republican electors of the several states and the district of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands, and all other electors without regard to past political affiliations, who believe in the principles of the Republican party and endorse its policies, are cordially invited to unite under this call in the selection of delegates to said convention. Said national convention shall consist of four delegates at large from each state, and two delegates at large for each representative at large in Congress; one delegate from each congressional district; an additional delegate for each congressional district in which the vote for any Republican elector in 1908, or for the Republican nominee for Congress in 1914, shall have been not less than 7,500; two delegates each from the district of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands. All delegates from any state may, however, be chosen from the state at large in the event that the laws of the state in which the election occurs so provide. Alternate delegates shall be elected to this convention for each unit of representation equal to the number of delegates elected therein. In the absence of any delegate at large or of a delegate from a congressional district, the roll of alternates for the state or the district shall be called in the order in which the names are placed upon the roll of the convention.

Delegates at large and their alternates, and delegates from congressional districts and their alternates, shall be elected in the following manner:

(1) By primary elections, in accordance with the laws of the state in which the election occurs, in such states as require by law the election of delegates to national conventions of political parties by direct primaries; provided, that in any state in which Republican judges or inspectors upon the board of judges or inspectors of elections for such primary election is denied by law, delegates and alternates shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

(2) By congressional, territorial or state conventions, as the case may be, to be called by the congressional, territorial or state committees, respectively. Notice of the call for such conventions shall be published in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the district, territory or state. In a congressional district, where there is no Republican congressional committee, the Republican state committee shall issue the call and make said publication.

No delegates or alternates shall be deemed eligible to participate in any convention to elect delegates to the national convention who were elected prior to the adoption of this call.

Delegates presenting certificates of election from the canvassing boards or officer created or designated by state law to canvass the returns and issue certificates of election to delegates to the national convention shall be placed upon the temporary roll of the convention by this committee.

The election of delegates from the District of Columbia shall be under the direction and supervision of an election board, composed of Charles Linkins, Charles H. Bauman and Jesse H. Foster, of the District of Columbia. This board shall have authority to fix the date of said convention, subject to the provisions of this call, and to arrange all details incidental thereto; and shall provide for a registration of the votes cast, such registration to include the name and residence of each voter.

The delegates from Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands shall be elected in conformity with the rules and regulations adopted by this committee, copies of which will be furnished to the governing committee of the Republican party in such territory and insular possessions.

All delegates and alternates shall be elected not earlier than thirty days after the date of this call, and not later than thirty days before the date of the meeting of the Republican national convention, for which this call is issued, unless otherwise provided by the laws of the state in which the election occurs.

The credentials of each delegate

and alternate elected prior to May 24, 1916, must be forwarded to the secretary of the Republican national committee, at the office of the national committee, Wilkins building, Washington, D. C., promptly upon such election. The credentials of each delegate or alternate elected after the May 23, 1916, must be forwarded to the secretary of the Republican National Committee, at Congress hotel, Chicago, Ill. Where more than the authorized number of delegates is reported to the secretary of the national committee, a contest shall be deemed to exist, and the secretary shall notify the several claimants so reported and shall submit all credentials and claims to the whole committee for decision as to which claimants shall be placed upon the temporary roll of the convention.

All notices of contest shall be submitted in writing, accompanied by a printed statement setting forth the ground of contest, which must be filed with the secretary of the committee twenty days prior to the meeting of the national convention, except in cases where delegates are chosen by law within that period, and then at any time prior to the meeting of the national convention.

In promulgating this call the secretary of the Republican national committee is directed to send a copy to the members of the national committee from each state, and to enclose therewith copies of the call for the chairman and secretary of the state committee, to be forwarded to each chairman and secretary by the member of the national committee.

The apportionment of delegates to the national convention called hereby shall be as adopted by the national committee at its meeting December 16, 1913, and ratified by Republican state conventions of states which cast a majority of votes in the electoral college, schedule of which is appended hereto.

Upon the basis of official figures furnished to the national committee the apportionment of delegates to the convention is as follows:

Alabama—Six delegates at large; 2 from the Seventh Congressional district; 1 from each of the other congressional districts—total sixteen.

Arizona—Six delegates at large.

Arkansas—Four delegates at large; two each from the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Congressional Districts; one from each of the other districts—total fifteen.

California—Four delegates at large; two from each congressional district—total twenty-six.

Colorado—Four delegates at large; two from each congressional district—total twelve.

Connecticut—Four delegates at large; two from each congressional district—total fourteen.

Delaware—Six delegates at large.

Florida—Four delegates at large; one from each congressional district—total eight.

Georgia—Four delegates at large; two from the Seventh Congressional District; one from each of the other districts—total seventeen.

Idaho—Four delegates at large; two from each congressional district—total eight.

Illinois—Eight delegates at large; two from each congressional district—total fifty-eight.

Indiana—Four delegates at large; two from each congressional district—total thirty.

Iowa—Four delegates at large; two from each congressional district—total twenty-six.

Kansas—Four delegates at large; two from each congressional district—total twenty.

Kentucky—Four delegates at large; two from each congressional district—total twenty-six.

Louisiana—Four delegates at large; one from each congressional district—total twelve.

Maine—Four delegates at large; two from each congressional district—total twelve.

Maryland—Four delegates at large; two from each congressional district—total sixteen.

Massachusetts—Four delegates at large; two from each congressional district—total thirty-six.

Michigan—Four delegates at large; two from each congressional district—total thirty.

Minnesota—Four delegates at large; two from each congressional district—total twenty-four.

Mississippi—Four delegates at large; one from each congressional district—total twelve.

Missouri—Four delegates at large; two from each congressional district—total thirty-six.

Montana—Eight delegates at large; two from each congressional district—total sixteen.

Nevada—Six delegates at large.

New Hampshire—Four delegates at large; two from each congressional district—total eight.

New Jersey—Four delegates at large; two from each congressional district—total twenty-eight.

New Mexico—Six delegates at large.

New York—Four delegates at large; one each from the Twelfth, Thirteenth and Twentieth Congressional Districts; two from each of the other districts—total eighty-seven.

North Carolina—Four delegates at large; one each from the First, Second and Sixth Congressional Districts; two from each of the other districts—total twenty-one.

North Dakota—Four delegates at large; two from each congressional district—total ten.

Ohio—Four delegates at large; two from each congressional district

Waterways of Nation Should Be Improved, But
Scientifically, and Without Waste, Says Burton

Theodore E. Burton.

(This is the first of a series of articles on national problems written for this paper by ex-Senator Burton, of Ohio. This series is of particular interest at this time for two reasons: first, because of Senator Burton's long and distinguished career in Congress; secondly, because Mr. Burton is now one of the leading candidates for the Republican nomination for president.—The Editor.)

By Theodore E. Burton.

Through long association with the problems of waterway development, the subject has commanded my deep attachment and most friendly interest. But conditions have changed and I have been forced to the conclusion that certain forms of river and harbor improvement are impracticable.

It has been the dream of my public career that the waterways of the United States might in time become the highways of a magnificent commercial empire. The sight of an idle stream, on whose surface we might transport an enormous tonnage, appeals strongly to the imagination, and suggests a highway furnished by nature for all time as a protest against the expensive methods of land transportation. But this idea, alluring as it is, is forced to yield to more practical issues when we apply to it the test of economic principles.

In considering the question of expending the money of the taxpayers of the country, we should at all times be bound by those sane considerations which determine the managers

of successful corporations in the disbursement of corporate funds.

Formerly Congress had fallen into the custom of making appropriations for almost any stream possessing a sufficient channel to permit navigation. Too little consideration was given to the question of whether there existed any commerce upon the river, or whether the deepening

or widening of its channel would increase its commerce. The result has been that while our expenditures for improving the harbors and tidal rivers of the country have for the most part been profitable, we have been appropriating large sums for improving rivers where, despite the expenditure of enormous sums of money, the commerce has been declining in the most discouraging ratio.

Courts Can Regulate Railroad Rates.

The existence of commerce, or the possibility of sanely developing it, should be the condition governing such appropriations. Many instances could be cited where, despite the expenditure of several million dollars, the commerce on some of our large rivers has fallen off with disastrous uniformity. The widening of a river or the dredging of a channel will not develop commerce where there is no traffic to be hauled or where economic considerations make necessary or more profitable the transportation of goods by other agencies.

Despite the discouraging results attained by the improvement of many of our rivers, there are today advocates of the continued expenditure of money who insist that the existence of a channel, even though not a single boat operates on the stream, should be secured at any cost as a means of compelling railroad lines to lower their freight rates.

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SUBMARINE CRISIS IS
NOT YET ACTED UPON

Wilson and Lansing Are Waiting
for More Facts about
Sinking of Persia.

WILL CONSULT EXPERTS

Official Despatches Show That
McNeely Is the Only American
Passenger Missing.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—President Wilson conferred with Secretary Lansing for an hour today over the submarine crisis. No additional facts beyond the definite knowledge that only two Americans were aboard the liner Persia had been received by the state department overnight from either Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, Ambassador Gerard at Berlin or American consular agents along the shores of the Mediterranean. Such information as had already been received, however, was carefully reviewed by both the president and Mr. Lansing.

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CABINET CRISIS
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News Notes

Correspondent Records interesting Events of Hustling Eastern Suburb.

More Resignations of Members
of That Body Are Altogether Probable.

GERMANY'S PLANS VEILED

Russians Repulse Austrian Attacks and Are Continuing Their Advance Now.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

INDUSTRIAL, Jan. 5.—Mrs. William Ross entertained in a very pleasing manner a number of young people in honor of her son, Clyde's, twelfth birthday anniversary at her home in Union Heights, Monday night, January 3. Games were indulged in and a prize was awarded William Ross for arranging a donation correctly, and at a reasonable hour refreshments were served consisting of fruits, cake and ices. Master Clyde received a number of presents for which he thanks his many little friends. At a late hour after having wished Master Clyde many more happy birthdays and voting him a pleasant hostess, all departed to their homes. Those present were Misses Lena Gibson, Crystal Sees, Mabel Lafferty, Marie Johnson, Myrtle Johnson, Jean Webb, Nora Franklin, Virginia Weaver, Edna Callahan, Beulah Ross, Elizabeth Smith, Frances Rayle, Hattie Rahlbaul, Georgina Grogan, Vera Roach, Jean Crummit, Messrs. Emmell Gibson, Troy Sees, Wat Lafferty, Juna Cottrill, Kenneth Johnson, Clyde Ross, Ray Sees, Kenneth Berry, Lawrence Roach, Worby Roach, Lynn Skidmore, Howard Skidmore, Carl White, William Smith, Dennis Smith, Dale Hubert, Harold Rayle, Harry Crummit, Allen Ross, Louis Rohebaul, Claude Skidmore, Walter Collett, Douglas Collett, Teddy Webb, Resonal Hardman, Misses Marie Elliott, Gladys Queen, Mrs. H. D. Skidmore, Mr. and Mrs. David Pett, and Mrs. W. I. Ross.

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hollen, of Broad Oaks, who has been quite ill of pneumonia fever, is improving.

Miss Mildred Hymer, of Point Comfort, in visiting her brother, W. E. Hymer, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hurley have moved into one of Robert Shuttleworth's cottages on Walnut street.

Mrs. Sarah Barron is improving after several days' illness of grippe at her home on Fowler avenue.

Miss Mayme Bush, of Despard, was a guest of friends here this week.

Mrs. L. Grayan, who has been ill for several days, is improving after a case of grippe.

D. Cordu's new bungalow is nearing completion at Union Heights.

W. F. Ross has returned home from Walkers Station after spending several days there a guest of his parents. Mr. Ross took several hunts among which were two fox hunts.

The revival meeting which is being conducted at the Hammond Methodist Episcopal chapel by the Rev. C. W. Wise, is growing with interest.

Mrs. Charles Nutter and daughter, Beulah; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Collett and daughter, Frances; Misses Marie Elliott and Edna Nutter were entertained at a turkey dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schmidt, of Northview Sunday.

L. W. Hollen, of Parkersburg, is home for a few days.

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Publication of the figures finds a cabinet crisis caused by the compulsion problem by no means ended. The cabinet meeting today probably will come to a final decision and may result in other resignations. Ireland, which was not included in the Derby plan, also is said to be excluded from the conscription measure which the premier will introduce in the House of Commons tomorrow.

While England is still debating the question of compulsion the Russians great conscript armies are making desperate onslaughts on the Austro-Germans before Caesarsburg where, according to Russian official reports, the Russians have not only repulsed Austrian counter attacks but themselves are steadily advancing.

The military plans of the central powers in the near East are still veiled in mystery but reports received from French sources are skeptical in regard to rumors that they are on the point of resuming the offensive in Macedonia. According to these reports the central empires have only thirteen infantry divisions available for such service, and unless Bulgaria supplies the deficiency it would be sheer madness, French critics believe, for them to attack the forces of the Entente in their entrenched positions. And it is said that Bulgaria gives little indication of volunteering such aid. According to unofficial report it deems any further assistance on the ground that it has fulfilled its bargain by conquering a portion of Serbia and doing its share towards opening the road to Constantinople.

In Albania there has been much apparent activity with relatively small military results. Perhaps the most important event in Albania is the declaration of war by Enver Pasha against Austria and Germany. This irregular chieftain is erratic but an undisputed military genius with a large and loyal following, and he is reported to be well supplied with guns and munitions.

England has continued its colonial warfare with success in the Kamerun, where it is officially reported that the German base has been occupied by British troops.

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